



PROPOSED FINAL REPORT

Review of the Washington Statewide Reentry Council

Legislative Auditor's Conclusion:

The Council has performed most of its statutory duties. However, without a strategic plan or measurable goals, the focus of its efforts is unclear and its impact cannot be evaluated.

JLARC directed to review the Reentry Council every 6 years

- 15-member volunteer council.
- Two staff members.
- Supported by Department of Commerce.



Legislative Auditor's Recommendations

The Council should:

1. Develop a stakeholder engagement plan.
2. Develop a strategic plan with performance benchmarks and measures.

Commerce and Council concur





The Council was created to improve public safety and reentry outcomes through collaboration.

The Council does not operate reentry programs.

Chapter 188, Laws of 2016

Council has performed most of its required functions

Performed additional duties permitted by statute.

Spent \$1.27 million, primarily on staff and grants to nonprofits.
(FY 2017-22)

Held 4+ meetings per year



Issued 3 biennial reports



Sought input from some stakeholders



The Council had limited interaction with most of the stakeholder groups named in statute

Frequent

Individuals who have experienced reentry
Department of Corrections
Governor's Office

Limited

Jails	House and Senate caucuses
Educators	Behavioral health providers
Local governments	Evidence or research-based reentry experts

No interaction

Specialty courts
Managed care organizations
Behavioral health administrative service organizations

It is unclear whether the Council's activities affected public safety or reentry outcomes

The Council has discussed, but not adopted, objectives and benchmarks.

The Council does not have a strategic plan to focus its efforts

Strategic priorities and policy recommendations do not identify:

- Goals and related activities.
- Performance measures.

Council adopted a racial equity statement.

- Unclear how racial equity will inform the Council's activities.



Legislative Auditor's Recommendations

- 1 **The Council should develop a stakeholder engagement plan** that demonstrates how it will solicit input and participation from all stakeholders identified in statute.
- 2 **The Council should develop a strategic plan** to guide its activities, recommendations, and spending.
 - The plan should have performance benchmarks and measures so the Council can track its progress toward achieving its goals.

Commerce and Council concur
OFM had no comment

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